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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached 13 formal replacement sheets with FIGS 1-10 replace the original informal sheets.

REMARKS

The comments of the application owner below are each preceded by related comments of the examiner (in small, bold type).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §112

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3. Claims 94-101, 115-116, 117-125 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claims 94, 117, 122 and 124, the claimed limitation of "at least some operation" is indefinite.

Claims 94, 122, and 124 have been amended to overcome the indefinites rejection. Claim 117 is cancelled without prejudice.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC §103

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5. Claims 117-121 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kataoka(US-6,959,221).

Claims 117-121 are cancelled without prejudice.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 80-91, 105-114 allowed.

2. Claims 94-101, 115-116, 122-125 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Application owner thanks the examiner for indicating that the above claims are allowable. Application owner has amended the claims to overcome the 35 U.S.C. 112 indefiniteness rejection. Application owner has also added new claims 126-132, all of which depend on allowed or allowable claims. Support for these new claims can be found at the following locations in the specification:

claim 126 – see, e.g., p. 7, ln. 2

claim 127 – see, e.g., p. 7, ln. 6

claim 128 – see, e.g., p. 23, ln. 18

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claim 129 – see, e.g., p. 23, lns. 8, 18

claim 130 – see, e.g., p. 6, ln. 21

claim 131 – see, e.g., p. 9, lns. 8-10

claim 132 – see, e.g., p. 9, lns. 10-12

Application owner submits that the case is now in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests issuance of a notice of allowance. If the Examiner disagrees, Application owner asks the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone at 617-521-7014.

Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050, order 02103-390001.

Respectfully submitted,
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Attachments: 13 sheets of formal drawing
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